standard student budget for educational and living expenses for the degree program and for the year(s) during which the participant was enrolled in school. If there is no standard budget available from the school or if the participant requests repayment for educational and living expenses which exceed the standard student budget, reasonableness of educational and living expenses incurred must be substantiated by additional contemporaneous documentation, as determined by the Secretary.

Research on infertility or contraceptive development means activities which qualify for participation in the CIR-LRP as determined by the Program Panel.

School means undergraduate, graduate, and health professions schools which are accredited by a body or bodies recognized for accreditation purposes by the Secretary of Education.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any other officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

Service means the Public Health Service.

State means one of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau).

Withdrawal means an individual's cessation of participation in the Program pursuant to a request by that participant that is implemented by the Secretary prior to the Program making payments on the participant's behalf. A withdrawal is without penalty to the participant and without obligation to the Program.

### §68c.3 Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply to the CIR-LRP, an individual must be a qualified health or allied health professional who is at the time of application, or will be at the time of inception into the CIR-LRP, engaged in employment/training at an NICHD intramural lab-

oratory or an eligible NICHD-supported extramural site.

#### §68c.4 Who is eligible to participate?

To be eligible to participate in the CIR-LRP, the applicant must have institutional assurance of employment/ affiliation with the NICHD intramural laboratory or eligible NICHD-supported extramural site and approval of the CIR-LRP Panel, must meet the criteria specified in §68c.3, and not be ineligible to participate under §68c.5.

#### §68c.5 Who is ineligible to participate?

The following individuals are ineligible for CIR-LRP participation:

(a) Persons who are not eligible applicants as specified under § 68c.3;

(b) Persons who owe an obligation of health professional service to the Federal Government, a State, or other entity. The following are examples of programs which have a service obligation: Physicians Shortage Area Scholarship Program, National Research Service Award Program, Public Health Service Scholarship, National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program, Armed Forces (Army, Navy, or Air Force) Professions Scholarship Program, Indian Health Service Scholarship Program, National Health Service Corp Loan Repayment Program, and NIH loan repayment programs.

# §68c.6 How do individuals apply to participate in the CIR-LRP?

An application for participation in the CIR-LRP shall be submitted to the Center for Population Research, NICHD, NIH, which is responsible for the Program's administration, in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe.

## §68c.7 How are applicants selected to participate in the CIR-LRP?

To be selected for participation in the CIR-LRP, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in §68c.3 and §68c.4.

(b) Applicants must not be ineligible for participation as specified in §68c.5.

(c) Applicants must propose repayment of a loan that meets the requirements of §68c.9.